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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention has for its object to provide an apparatus and a method for transferring boards, and a component mounting apparatus whereby a production efficiency can be improved in accordance with types of boards to be produced. For accomplishing the objective, there are arranged a shift device capable of moving a mounted board from a process-finished board transfer path to an unprocessed board transfer path, a controller for controlling the moving, and further an identifying device. The arrangement enables switching the method of transferring boards in accordance with types of boards to be produced, and controlling the supply of board to the component mounting apparatus, so that the production efficiency is improved in accordance with types of boards.

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